House Resolution No. 1178

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, fifty years ago Ted F. Lewis took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Martha J. House, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony that was performed on December 5, 1956, in Bowling Green, Missouri; and

Whereas, five decades later Ted and Martha Lewis of New Haven observed their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends on November 25, 2006, at the Hummingbird Club of Washington, Missouri; and

Whereas, the marital union of Ted and Martha Lewis has been richly blessed with the love and affection of their child, Kathy J. Kleinheider, and their two grandchildren, Leah and Joseph; and

Whereas, a former electrician who retired in 1995, Ted Lewis is a member of the Old Thrashers Club in Owensville who enjoys collecting and restoring old gas engines and traveling; and

Whereas, Martha Lewis retired from office work in 1990 and now enjoys reading and traveling; and

Whereas, Ted and Martha Lewis used the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes that have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Ted and Martha Lewis during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Ted and Martha Lewis and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Ted and Martha Lewis of New Haven, Missouri.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1178, adopted March 13, 2007.